602 All the groups represented on the diagram (Diagram 2)
614 are known by their names to the adults of Isangi. In addition to
621 their regular name, all these groups also have a "drum" name
[552] and an "honorary" name. Only the three Boyeke groups of rank
B have different drum names but no individual group names.
The arrangement of groups as found on the diagram does not
represent a genealogy. It is based simply on the characteristics
and functions of the individual groups [190] which in each case
are equal to each other on one rank. Thus, we have here an
organizational diagram, not a genealogical table. [Diagrams
1 and 2 appear here.]

The people of Isangi are also well aware of the relationships between the individual groups, but they are not as clearly conscious of the system as it appears in our diagram. They are able to describe the kinship relations between the groups and they can point out which functions are assigned to the individual groups without, however, regarding the groups as equal to one another because they have like functions and without seeing them as part of a system as we do. Thus, our diagram represents a systematization which, by its very nature, does not wholly do justice to reality. Correspondingly, therefore, there is no satisfactory Ekonda social terminology.

[191] [Diagram 3 appears here.] Just as in nonscientific European usage, the terms lack sufficient precision. Furthermore, in principle the nature of the groups between rank A to E and of the still larger units is similar, and as a result all the terms are used almost indiscriminately for large and small units alike.

601 Usually, the word ikundf (literally, "lap") refers to small
621 units, approximately those of ranks A and B, but it is also used
614 for larger and large units if their relatively close degree of
kinship is to be stressed. Thus it approximately corresponds to
the meaning of the word "family" as used in nonscientific language. The word ilongo refers both to what in European usage is described as the small family [Kleinfamilie] and also to groups of ranks A and B.